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Pro-Trump mob storms into Capitol

Rioting disrupts, delays cementing of Biden win

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A mob incited by President Donald Trump stormed into the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday, disrupting debate over certification of Electoral College votes. The extraordinary breach in the afternoon largely deflated a push led by Sen. Ted Cruz and a few others to stall the final, formal affirmation of Trump's defeat.

Dems win control of U.S. Senate

Georgia victories provide edge with Harris acting as tiebreaker

THE WASHINGTON POST

ATLANTA — Democrats will control the U.S. Senate after Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff defeated their Republican opponents in Georgia's two runoff elections, helping to reshape the first two years of Joe Biden's presidency by giving Democrats a clearer path to enacting their legislative priorities.

Edison Research called the race for Warnock early Wednesday and for Ossoff in the afternoon.

The victories are a historic upset in a longtime Republican bastion, signaling a clear shift in the political makeup of the state, which Biden won in November. Warnock, 51, will be the first African American Democratic senator from a former Confederate state, and Ossoff, 33, will be the youngest newly elected Democratic senator since Biden in 1973.

The wins also mark only the second time in nearly three decades that two Democrats will represent Georgia in the Senate.

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A policeman directed members of Congress to safety as a mob tried to enter the House of Representatives on Wednesday.

Amid turmoil, Allred texts wife: 'I love you'

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WASHINGTON — As a violent mob of President Donald Trump's supporters pounded on the House chamber's doors after breaching security at the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday, Dallas Rep. Colin Allred — a hulk of a man who once played in the NFL — took off his jacket and tie.

"I was prepared for whatever might come," he said.

The second-term Democrat then texted his wife, Aly, who was at home with their 23-month-old son, Jordan.

"Whatever happens, I love you," he wrote.

She texted back, "I love you, too."

With the glass starting to shatter on doors barricaded by furniture,

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Chaos condemned by both parties

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WASHINGTON — A pro-Trump mob stormed the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday, bringing violence and insurrection into the halls of Congress and delaying debates over President-elect Joe Biden's Electoral College victory.

The extraordinary breach in the afternoon largely deflated a push led by Sen. Ted Cruz and a few others to stall the final, formal affirmation of President Donald Trump's defeat. Cruz's challenge to the Arizona slate failed, with a vote of 93-6 in the Senate.

In the House, more than half of the Republicans voted to toss out Arizona's electors, but the challenge failed 303-121 Wednesday night, leaving 47 more states for Congress to review in joint session. Proceedings were continuing late into the night.

Trump had stoked the passions earlier in the day by spinning a conspiracy tale about a "landslide" win being stolen, encouraging a huge throng outside the White House to march on Congress and pressure Vice President Mike Pence and others to nullify the election.

After police in riot gear had cleared the occupation, and Congress resumed its work, Pence condemned the lawlessness in terms far more forceful than those Trump had grudgingly used during the six-hour siege.

"Today was a dark day in the

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DEMOCRATS accused Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas of promoting lawlessness. **8A**

PRESIDENT Donald Trump told backers to "go home" but praised their mission. **8A**

NORTH TEXAS leaders called the Capitol assault "shameful," "un-American." **1B**

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Biden selects spurned judge as AG

Joe Biden is expected to select Judge Merrick Garland — best known for being nominated to the Supreme Court in 2016 by President Barack Obama — as his attorney general. **2A**

METRO

Record virus hospitalizations in county

Dallas County reported 2,427 more coronavirus cases on Wednesday as well as record high hospitalizations for the third straight day. Seventeen deaths also were reported. **1B**